

REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

In the year of 2005 the Alton Fire & Rescue Department responded to 962 calls for service which are broken down as follows, 240 Fire Calls, 327 EMS Calls, which included 89 Motor Vehicle crashes and 306 calls for service which include new home inspections, foster care, Oil Burners, Wood Stove and Chimney inspections. The Department has also been working with local businesses to include them in the inspection process.

The new Rescue Truck is here and has been in service since the end of May with members continuously training with this truck. The new Ambulance, approved at last years Town Meeting, was put in service April 2005.

The Alton Fire & Rescue Department is still working with the Belknap County Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Program. This program is for children and teens that are at risk and use fire setting as a way of seeking attention. Arson is the # 1 crime committed by juveniles. Juvenile fire setters account for 40% of all fires in the United States. Our Intervention team engaged in a few interventions this year working directly with law enforcement, school and professional counselors, and youth services agencies. Once again this is an educational program teaching fire safety awareness.

The other program that we are involved with again this year is the Risk Watch Program. It was introduced to the Fire Department by the State Fire Marshal's Office. It was so well received and successful that this year we taught the program to Grades K-3, which includes 220 students. The other program that we do is Public Awareness. This program is geared toward our townspeople and is an educational program for all ages. We have handouts such as "File of Life" refrigerator magnets. This is a form for medical information that is kept on the refrigerator door and has information such as medications, emergency contacts, doctors, medical history, and allergies. We also have blood pressure recorder forms for people who need to keep track of their blood pressure. Townspeople can come to the Alton Central Fire Station to have their blood pressure taken. We are also working on training programs that deal specifically with our elderly population and how we can educate them to be safer.

The Town of Alton has grown in leaps and bounds. The Department run volume has increased by 25.5% over the past year.

The members of the Department have spent 3,190.75 hours training to increase their skill levels. They also spent 6,605.5 hours at Fire, EMS, and Service calls. The total hours spent by members in 2005 was 9,796.25 man hours. These members put a huge amount of time providing protection to the citizens of Alton. The Alton Fire & Rescue Department is the 9th busiest department in the Lakes Region area.

We would like to thank Police Chief Kevin Iwans and Highway Road Agent Ken Roberts for the help that their departments have given to the Alton Fire & Rescue Department in

the past year. We would also like to thank the Board of Fire Wards for their continued support shown to the Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

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